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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins 200.00 or on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.